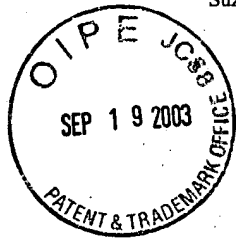


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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132**

I, Paul A. Stone, hereby declare as follows:

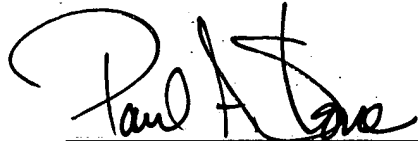
1. I am Vice President and Chief Patent Counsel at Symyx Technologies, Inc., 3100 Central Expressway, Santa Clara, CA 95051. I own Symyx common stock and receive stock options as part of my compensation at Symyx.
2. I have reviewed the claims pending in the above-identified instant patent application, and I make this declaration to demonstrate common ownership between the inventions defined by the claimed methods of the above-identified application, and the subject matter of co-pending U.S. Serial No. 09/607,535 to Guan *et al.*.
3. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1985 with a BS degree in chemical engineering. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin, in 1995 with a J.D. degree. From 1995 to late 1998, I worked as an associate attorney at Senniger, Powers, Leavitt & Roedel, an intellectual property law firm in St. Louis, Missouri. I have worked as an attorney at Symyx since December, 1998 until present.
4. At the time of the invention defined by the claims of the instant patent application:  
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5. Attached hereto are copies of the assignments of both the instant application and the referenced application, demonstrating ownership thereof as being vested with Symyx Technologies, Inc.

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Date: Sept. 19, 2003

  
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